Epidemic Death Cases in Orissa

3458. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS
SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware about the huge epidemic death cases that took place in Kalahandi district of Orissa during 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any request to provide financial assistance to the families of victims; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) As per information available, there were 1080 cases and 184 deaths due to diarrhoea during 1996 (upto Sept., 1996) in Kalahandi district of Orissa. During the above period there were 20 deaths due to Malaria. The number of cases and deaths were higher in comparison to those in previous years.

(c) and (d). A Central Study Team constituted by the Ministry of Agriculture was deputed to Orissa (17-20th Nov., 1996) to assess the drought situation and to assess the quantum of Central Assistance from the National Calamity Relief Fund. The Centre team has submited its report and to give the final shape to the Assistance to be provided, a meeting of the inter ministerial group has held on 12.12.96. No request from the State Government have been receive for providing financial assistance to the effected families.

Daily Wages Staff in AIIMS

3459. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons employed as L.D.Cs, UDCs, Stenographers, technicians on daily wages in the AIIMS;

(b) whether any judgement thereon, has been passed by the High Court of Delhi during the month of August, 1995;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the orders of the High Court are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) The number of employees working on daily wages as DCs, UDC, Stenographers and Technicians are 114, Nil, 49 and 23 approximate respectively in the Institute.

(b) to (d). The High Court of Delhi in its order on 29.8.1995 directed the Institute to formulate a policy in the matter within a period of 6 months. The Institute formulated a policy and placed it on record in the High Court on 7.10.1996 and the Court suggested some changes therein. The matter is subjudice and further action will be taken according to the final verdict of the Court.

[Translation]

Contagious Diseases in Kanpur

3460. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that a large number of persons suffering from different contagious diseases in Kanpur city (U.P.) but no concrete steps have been taken by the administration in this regard; and

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have intervened in this matter to provide medical aid to the persons; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) As per information received from the Chief Medical and Health Officer of Kanpur City (U.P.), the number of cases and deaths reported in Kanpur city from January, 96 till date due to various contagious diseases is as under :

Acute Diarrhoea		Viral Hepatitis	
Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
28	1	6	—

The Distt. Health Administration has taken the followings steps :-

(a) Distribution of cholorine tablets.

(b) Distribution of ORS Packets.

(c) Disinfection of wells, and

(d) Water testing for chlorine content.

(b) and (c). No request for medical aid has been received by the Central Government in this regard.

[English]

Foreign Ships

3461. SHRI PINAKI MISRA :
SHRI DATTA MEGHE :
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign registered ships entered illegally in our sea border during the last three years;

(b) the names of the countries to which these ships belonged:

(c) whether these ships with arms and ammunition had been seized;

(d) if so, whether this issue was discussed with the concerned countries; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) According to information available with the Nevy and the Coast Guard, three foreign ships and 117 fishing vessels/ trawlers illegally entered our sea border during the last three years.

(b) These ships belonged to France, Bangladesh and Myanmar. The fishing vessels were of Pakistan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, China, Taiwan and Malaysia.

(c) Yes, Sir. Two ships.

(d) and (e). The issue was taken up through diplomatic channels and our serious concern was conveyed to these countries.

C.G.H.S. Dispensary in Calcutta

3462. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) when the CGHS Unani Dispensary/Unit was opened in Calcutta;

(b) the date since when the said dispensary is not functioning;

(c) whether a number of Physicians have been posted by CGHS to that dispensary, who have not joined there during the last three years till date; and

(d) whether no para-medical staff is posted to that dispensary and the Physicians are being harassed by making transfer orders in the first instance and then cancelling/revising them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d). A CGHS Unani unit was opened at BBG'Bagh dispensary no. 39, Calcutta, on 19.7.93. Since the last year or so, the functioning of the unit has run into certain difficulties, due, inter alia, to institution of court cases challenging Government's orders posting Unani Physicians to the said unit.

Regarding posting of para-medical staff, despite persistent attemps to fill up the posts, difficulties are being faced in locating suitable candidates. Efforts are on to fill up these posts early.

With the withdrawal of the court case by the Unani physician presently posted there, all efforts are being made to streamline the functioning of the Unani unit at CGHS, Calcutta.

Use of Inferior Preservatives

3463. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bureau of Indian Standards keeps a check on manufacture of inferior preservatives like calcium propionate used for preserving bread;

(b) the number of times the manufacturers of the chemicals in Delhi, Haryana, Maharashtra and Gujarat were checked during the last three years and the result thereof;

(c) the action taken against guilty officials; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure quality of the chemicals by all manufacturers of bread before its use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) periodically inspects the licensee units and checks records maintained by the licensee according to the Scheme of Testing and Inspection.

(b) and (c). The manufacturers who have been granted licence to use the BIS standard mark for Calcium Propionate - (food grade), are located in the States Haryana, Maharashtra, Punjab and West Bengal only. A total of 35 inspections were made by BIS to these Units during the last three years. In case of three units whose performance was not found to be satisfactory, BIS instructed them not to use ISI mark. As on 29.11.96 performance of all the units except one, have been found to be satisfactory.

(d) To ensure the conformity of the chemicals, periodic inspections are done by Bureau of Indian Standards as per the procedure laid down for grant of licence.

Course in Indian Languages

3464. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the places where courses in medicine are being conducted in Indian languages;

(b) whether the Government propose to start educational courses at all levels in Indian languages throughout the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). The Medical Council of India is of the view that English should continue to be the medium of instruction at all stages of medical courses for the present.